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Here follows some lines too obliterated to be made out entirely, but he speaks of his Journal "32 pages long." "Wrote for your perusal, & without any premeditation, in a hurry, Just as the ideas arose. A. M."

"Tell M^{rs}. Pottie to let me alone for *ingenuity*, God help me if I had not a little."

EARLY TOMBS IN WESTMORELAND, RICHMOND, AND NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTIES.

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TOMBS IN WHITE CHAPEL CHURCH YARD, LANCASTER CO., VA.

In the yard of White Chapel Church, in Lancaster county, there are a group of heavy horizontal tombs, and several vertical slabs, commemorative of members of the Ball family and their wives. One of the massive tombs has this inscription:

Here lies Interred the
Body of M^r DAVID BALL *
a twin and seventh son of
Cap^t WILLIAM BALL Gent.
Dece'd was born y^e 26th of
Sep. 1686, and departed
this life y^e 14th of December, 1732
in the 47th Year
of his Age.

A tomb near the one above bears these words:

Here lies the Body of
M^r JEDUTHAN BALL † son of Col^o
JAMES BALL of Lancaster county.
Born the 9th Day of July, 1725,
and Died the 5th Day of March,
1749, in the 25th year of his Age.

* David Ball was the sixth son of Capt. William Ball, the second of the name in Lancaster. He was brother to Col. James Ball, whose tomb is near his own. He was twice married, but left no issue.

† Jeduthan Ball was the fourth son of Col. James Ball and Mary Conway, and was brother to James and Jesse Ball, whose tombs are near his own. He married Elizabeth Fox, and was father of Col. Burges Ball, of the Revolution.

A similar horizontal stone is thus inscribed :

Here lyeth Interred the Body of
JESSE BALL ‡ Gent.
He was born 27th Day of June 1716
and departed this Life
the 11th Day of Aug., 1747,
in the 32nd Year of his Age.

The three inscriptions below are from the tombs of Col. James Ball, of Bewdley, and two of his wives :

Here lieth the Body of
MARY * the Wife of JAMES BALL
Daughter of EDWIN CONWAY Gent.
deceased, who departed this life
the 15th Day of September, 1730
in the 44th year of her Age.
leaving three sons and five Daughters
She was a loving Wife, a tender Mother
a peaceable, good neighbour, and lived
and died a pattern of Piety and Virtue.

Here also lieth interred y^e Body of
y^e above mentioned JAMES BALL Gent., dec'd,
Who departed this Life the 13th Day
of Oct. 1754, in y^e 76th Year of his Age
having lived in the constant
Practice of Temperance and Sobriety
and other moral Virtues & died in
a Steadfast Faith in CHRIST
& full hope of a glorious Resurrection

‡ Jesse Ball, an older brother to Jeduthan, married Mary, daughter of J. Philip Smith, who names her in his will of July 11, 1743. She was sister to Baldwin M. Smith, and was married a second time (1749) to Col. John Lee, of Westmoreland. She again married John Smith. Jesse Ball's marriage is usually incorrectly given in the published genealogies of the Balls.

* She married Col. Ball April 18, 1707, he being a widower at the time, and she a widow. Her previous husband was John Daingerfield, and his previous wife Ann (Elizabeth?) Howson.

Here lyeth the Body of
MARY ANN † Wife of **JAMES BALL**
 Gent. and daughter of the
 Reverend **JOHN BERTRAND**
 She departed this life the 12th
 of February 17⁴⁹/₅₀ in the 60th
 Year of her Age.
 She was a dutiful Wife, a Tender
 Mother, and very Charitable to the Poor.

The following three commemorate Col. James Ball II., and
 two of his wives:

In memory of



Col. JAMES BALL
 2nd Son of James &
 Mary Ball, his 2nd wife
 daughter of
 Edwin Conway.
 Born Dec. 31st, 1718.
 Died Nov'r 24th, 1789.

Here lieth the Body of
MILDRED BALL Wife of **JAMES BALL**
 Jun'r, Gent. who departed this life the
 1st day of Dec'r 1751 in the 26th year
 of her Age
 Leaving one son and three Daughters,
 having faithfully discharged
 the several Duties incumbent on a wife
 and Parent, a Neighbour & a Christian.

† She was a widow when she married Col. Ball, having been married
 before to William Ballendine.

In memory of



LETTICE *
3^d wife of
Colonel James Ball,
daughter of
Richard Lee of Ditchley
Died Nov'r 17th 1811,
in the 80th year of her age.

In memory of



Col. JAMES BALL †
Son of James & Lettice Ball
Born Feb. 20, 1755,
Died Dec'r 18, 1825.
And FANNY his wife
daughter of Rawleigh
& Frances Downman
Of Morattico.
Born May 4th, 1758.
Died Jan'y 23rd. 1821.

One grave contains the faithful pair.

* Lettice (Lee) Ball was daughter of Richard Lee and Judith Step-toe.

† Col. Ball lived at Bewdley, where he died not long after the death of his promising son William Lee Ball, whose end came in 1824, while a member of Congress, and who was buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington.

On a dark stone slab sunken to the level of the soil, and placed near one of the doors of the church, is the tomb of one of the early clerks of Lancaster. The inscription is in these words:

Here Lieth interred the Body of
JOHN STRETHLEY ‡ Gent.
who departed this life the
8th Day of December, 1698,
in 50th year of his Age.

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1760.

January 1. We had a very agreeable company.

2. All our company went away except Cous. Sam. Hening. Killed two hogs. Mr. C. & Nancy went to their plantation & could not return for the rain.

4. Mrs. Wormley & Miss Betty came with Col. Tayloe from Col. Churchill's.

5. Went with my wife & Cous. Sam. Hening in our boat to Urbana to see my brother, who is unwell, had a good passage of about two hours—found him better than we expected. Dined there. Left Urbana about 3 o'clock. spoke the "Rose," Capt. Curry, who had letters for me, but the wind blowed so hard I did not think best to go aboard. She had a 3 weeks passage. We had the wind, tide & rain against us—did not get home until 7 o'clock. Soon after it snowed so fast my wife lost a little book that gave us some uneasiness.

Jan. 7. Sent Aaron on board the "Rose" for my letters—only brought one. Cousin Sam Hening went on board to buy servants, but returned without buying.

10. Mr. C. & Nancy went home. My wife & I went with them. May the Almighty direct them in this world of trouble.

12. Went with my wife to see Mr. C. & Nancy. They seem comfortably settled. Blessed be our Great God.

17. Rained & froze all day—trees loaded with ice. This seems to be winter indeed. Reading & writing.

‡ He was probably related to Capt. William Ball, as one of the latter's sons appears to have been named for him.